

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

The invention relates to a liquid crystal display that incorporates a laminated retardation layer 10 comprising a combination of a negative C-plate having a specific 5 chromatic dispersion and a positive A-plate having a specific chromatic dispersion, used to improve the viewing angle characteristics thereof, thereby presenting high-contrast images with high color reproducibility yet with neither interference variations nor color shifts. The 10 laminated retardation layer 10 is obtained by lamination of a retardation layer 11 having positive index anisotropy and an optical axis in a layer plane and a retardation layer 12 having negative index anisotropy and an optical axis in a normal direction to a layer plane. A stretched 15 polymer film having inverse chromatic dispersion that causes retardation defined by an optical path difference between extraordinary light and ordinary light to become small as wavelength becomes short is used as the retardation layer 11 having positive index anisotropy and an optical axis in a layer plane, and a coating layer 20 having normal chromatic dispersion that causes retardation defined by an optical path difference between extraordinary light and ordinary light to become large as wavelength becomes short is used as the retardation layer 25 12 having negative index anisotropy and an optical axis in a normal direction to a layer plane.